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HIGHLIGHTS

According to labor force estimates based in part on the U.S. Department of Labor's household survey, the number of unemployed in New Mexico in July totaled 61,100, an increase of 2,100 from the June figure. The state's jobless rate in July was 9.5 percent, up from 9.1 percent in June. The U.S. unemployment rate (not seasonally adjusted) in July was 7.4 percent, compared with 7.5 percent in June.

The Department of Labor's household survey, officially termed the Current Population Survey (CPS), has indicated a significant increase in unemployment in New Mexico over the last several months. During the later part of 1984 the state's jobless rate held fairly steady in the low seven percent range, and New Mexico began this year with an unemployment rate of 7.9 percent. Since then the CPS has recorded sizeable increases in unemployment across the state. The current level of unemployment in New Mexico is 15,000 above the number of unemployed one year ago.

In July, total nonagricultural wage and salary employment in New Mexico declined by 4,700 jobs. Although much of the decrease was in state and local government where declines are expected this time of year due to the summer school break, some

atypical changes also occurred in July. Construction failed to record an employment increase in July, the number of mining jobs fell by 200, and several subsectors of manufacturing reduced payrolls over the month. Employment is now below year ago levels in the mining, construction, and transportation & public utilities industries. On the brighter side, however, notable job growth was reported over the last year in coal mining, transportation equipment and professional & scientific equipment manufacturing, building materials stores, restaurants, credit agencies, business services, amusements & recreation and membership organizations.

New Mexico continues to experience unemployment rates higher than any of its border states. The table below displays recently released figures for adjacent states along with comparable New Mexico estimates.

	Unemployment Rates	
	June 1985	June 1984
New Mexico	9.1%	7.3%
Texas	7.7%	5.5%
Oklahoma	7.1%	7.1%
Arizona	6.8%	5.1%
Utah	6.0%	6.1%
Colorado	5.5%	5.5%

JULY SUMMARY

	Prel. July 1985	Revised		Change From	
		June 1985	July 1984	June 1985	July 1984
Civilian Labor Force	646,400	646,000	632,500	+ 400	+13,900
Employment	585,300	587,000	586,400	-1,700	-1,100
Unemployment	61,100	59,000	46,100	+2,100	+15,000
Rate	9.5%	9.1%	7.3%		

NEW MEXICO

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)

(Prepared in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

	Prelim JULY 1985	Revised JUNE 1985	Revised JULY 1984	Change From	
				JUNE 1985	JULY 1984
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT 1/	513,400	518,100	502,100	-4,700	+11,300
MINING	20,100	20,300	21,200	- 200	- 1,100
Metal Mining	3,300	3,300	3,700	0	- 400
Bituminous Coal, Quarrying and Nonmetallic Mining	4,000	4,000	4,300	0	- 300
Oil and Gas Extraction	12,800	13,000	13,200	- 200	- 400
CONSTRUCTION	38,400	38,400	38,700	0	- 300
MANUFACTURING	36,700	37,000	36,600	- 300	+ 100
Durable Goods	24,400	24,400	23,900	0	+ 500
Lumber and Wood Products	2,600	2,600	2,600	0	0
Elec. and Electronic Equipment	6,300	6,200	6,500	+ 100	- 200
Transportation Equipment	4,200	4,100	3,500	+ 100	+ 700
Other Durable Goods	11,300	11,500	11,300	- 200	0
Nondurable Goods	12,300	12,600	12,700	- 300	- 400
Food and Kindred Products	3,900	3,900	4,000	0	- 100
Textiles and Apparel	2,300	2,400	2,400	- 100	- 100
Other Nondurable Goods	6,100	6,300	6,300	- 200	- 200
TRANSPORTATION and PUBLIC UTILITIES	29,000	29,100	29,200	- 100	- 200
Railroad Transportation	2,100	2,200	2,400	- 100	- 300
Trucking and Warehousing	6,100	6,100	6,100	0	0
Other Transportation	3,500	3,600	3,200	- 100	+ 300
Communication	7,600	7,600	7,600	0	0
Elec., Gas and Sanitary Services	9,700	9,600	9,900	+ 100	- 200
WHOLESALE and RETAIL TRADE	123,400	123,300	119,600	+ 100	+ 3,800
Wholesale Trade	22,400	22,400	22,500	0	- 100
Durable Goods	13,200	13,200	13,200	0	0
Nondurable Goods	9,200	9,200	9,300	0	- 100
Retail Trade	101,000	100,900	97,100	+ 100	+ 3,900
General Merchandise Stores	10,300	10,200	10,200	+ 100	+ 100
Food Stores	14,700	14,500	14,300	+ 200	+ 400
Auto Dirs and Service Stations	12,700	12,900	12,800	- 200	- 100
Eating and Drinking Places	37,500	37,500	35,000	0	+ 2,500
Other Retail Trade	25,800	25,800	24,800	0	+ 1,000
FINANCE, INSURANCE and REAL ESTATE	25,900	26,100	24,300	- 200	+ 1,100
Banking	8,500	8,500	8,400	0	+ 100
Ins. Carriers, Agents and Brokers	5,900	5,900	5,700	0	+ 200
Other Finance, Ins. and Real Estate	11,500	11,700	10,700	- 200	+ 800
SERVICES	115,300	114,400	110,400	+ 900	+ 4,900
Hotels and Other Lodging Places	11,800	11,400	11,600	+ 400	+ 200
Personal Services	5,700	5,600	5,500	+ 100	+ 200
Business Services	25,900	25,800	24,500	+ 100	+ 1,400
Health Services	26,900	26,900	26,500	0	+ 400
Social Services	7,100	7,000	7,000	+ 100	+ 100
Membership Organizations	8,400	8,200	7,500	+ 200	+ 900
Other Services	29,500	29,500	27,800	0	+ 1,700
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	124,600	129,500	121,600	-4,900	+ 3,000
Federal Government	30,700	30,600	30,600	+ 100	+ 100
Total State & Local	93,900	98,900	91,000	-5,000	+ 3,900
State 2/	41,300	43,000	39,600	-1,700	+ 1,700
Local	52,600	55,900	51,400	-3,300	+ 1,200

1/ Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded.

2/ Includes other state employees working in New Mexico.

ALBUQUERQUE AREA (BERNALILLO COUNTY)

HIGHLIGHTS

The Albuquerque area unemployment rate increased to 7.2 percent in July according to preliminary estimates. The number of unemployed stood at 17,700, an increase of 700 over the month and 3,300 more than one year ago. Employment was 227,000 in July, a decline of 300 from June but 5,500 above the July 1984 level.

In July, nonagricultural wage and salary employment reflected for the most part normal seasonal changes, declining 500 jobs from June. The drop of 500 jobs in government was mainly the result of continued summer staff reductions at area schools. Also normal were the small gains in construction and trade over the month. At least two industry subsector changes in July, one plus and one minus, were not seasonal in nature. Manufacturing added 100 jobs over the month, as the electronic equipment subsector rebounded somewhat from the employment losses of recent months.

Even with the July expansion, electronic equipment still has 300 fewer jobs than this time last year. On the minus side was the July loss of 100 in the lodging places subsector. Employment increases in the area hotel industry were generally below seasonal expectations throughout the spring, and the decrease in July puts industry employment 200 below the year ago figure.

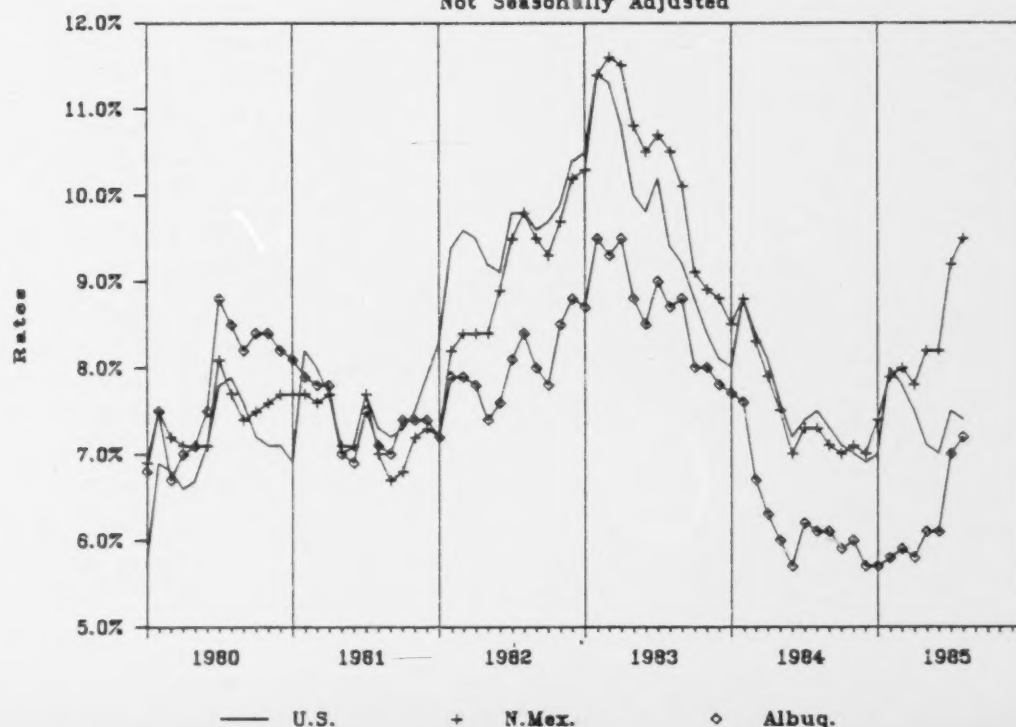
Over the year, nonagricultural employment has added 9,100 jobs. Notable growth was experienced in retail trade (+3,600), construction (+2,000), business services (+1,000), and in transportation equipment (+300) and professional & scientific instrument (+200) manufacturing. Substantial increases within retail trade were posted in eating & drinking places (+1,900), home improvement establishments (+400), food stores (+400), and miscellaneous specialty stores (+400).

JULY SUMMARY

	Prel. July 1985	Revised June 1985	July 1984	Change From June 1985	July 1984
Civilian Labor Force	244,700	244,300	235,900	+ 400	+8,800
Employment	227,000	227,300	221,500	- 300	+5,500
Unemployment	17,700	17,000	14,400	+ 700	+3,300
Rate	7.2%	7.0%	6.1%		

Unemployment Rates

Not Seasonally Adjusted



ALBUQUERQUE AREA (BERNALILLO COUNTY)

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS) (Prepared in cooperation with the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

	Prelim JULY 1985	Revised JUNE 1985	Revised JULY 1984	Change From	
				JUNE 1985	JULY 1984
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT 1/	217,400	217,900	208,300	-500	+9,100
MINING	200	200	300	0	- 100
CONSTRUCTION	17,700	17,500	15,700	+200	+2,000
MANUFACTURING	19,300	19,200	19,300	+100	0
Durable Goods	13,700	13,600	13,800	+100	- 100
Nondurable Goods	5,600	5,600	5,500	0	+ 100
TRANSPORTATION and PUBLIC UTILITIES	11,800	11,800	11,800	0	0
Transportation	5,300	5,400	5,200	-100	+ 100
Communication	3,900	3,900	4,100	0	- 200
Electric, Gas and Sanitary Services	2,600	2,500	2,500	+100	+ 100
WHOLESALE and RETAIL TRADE	56,800	56,600	53,200	+200	+3,600
Wholesale Trade	13,700	13,700	13,700	0	0
Durable Goods	8,900	8,900	8,900	0	0
Nondurable Goods	4,800	4,800	4,800	0	0
Retail Trade	43,100	42,900	39,500	+200	+3,600
General Merchandise Stores	4,000	4,000	3,900	0	+ 100
Food Stores	4,900	4,800	4,500	+100	+ 400
Auto Dlr's and Service Stations	4,700	4,700	4,600	0	+ 100
Eating and Drinking Places	17,000	17,000	15,100	0	+1,900
Other Retail Trade	12,500	12,400	11,400	+100	+1,100
FINANCE, INSURANCE and REAL ESTATE	13,400	13,500	12,600	-100	+ 800
Banking	3,300	3,300	3,100	0	+ 200
Ins Carriers, Agents and Brokers	3,600	3,600	3,500	0	+ 100
Other Finance, Ins. and Real Estate	6,500	6,600	6,000	-100	+ 500
SERVICES	55,900	56,300	54,100	-400	+1,800
Hotels and Other Lodging Places	3,000	3,100	3,200	-100	- 200
Health Services	12,900	13,000	12,600	-100	+ 300
Social Services	2,700	2,700	2,600	0	+ 100
Membership Organizations	2,100	2,100	2,000	0	+ 100
Other Services	35,200	35,400	33,700	-200	+1,500
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	42,300	42,800	41,300	-500	+1,000
Federal Government	12,900	12,900	12,600	0	+ 300
Total State & Local	29,400	29,900	28,700	-500	+ 700
State	10,400	10,700	10,400	-300	0
Local	19,000	19,200	18,300	-200	+ 700

1/ Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded.

LAS CRUCES AREA (DONA ANA COUNTY) 1/
ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)
(Prepared in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

	Prelim JULY 1985	Revised JUNE 1985	Revised JULY 1984	Change From JUNE 1985	Change From JULY 1984
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	33,950	35,800	31,800	-1,850	+2,150
MINING 2/	0	0	0	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	2,800	2,750	2,800	+ 50	0
MANUFACTURING	3,250	3,300	3,500	- 50	- 250
Durable Goods	1,450	1,450	1,500	0	- 50
Nondurable Goods	1,800	1,850	2,000	- 50	- 200
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	1,300	1,250	1,250	+ 50	+ 50
Transportation	500	450	450	+ 50	+ 50
Comm, Elec, Gas & San Service	800	800	800	0	0
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	7,700	7,700	7,200	0	+ 500
Wholesale Trade	850	850	850	0	0
Retail Trade	6,850	6,850	6,350	0	+ 500
General Merchandise Stores	750	750	700	0	+ 50
Food Stores	950	950	1,000	0	- 50
Auto Dirs & Serv Stations	850	850	800	0	+ 50
Eating & Drinking Places	2,700	2,700	2,450	0	+ 250
Other Retail Trade	1,600	1,600	1,400	0	+ 200
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	1,550	1,550	1,400	0	+ 150
SERVICES	4,950	4,950	4,650	+ 100	+ 300
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	600	600	550	0	+ 50
Business Services	300	300	300	0	0
Health Services	1,150	1,150	1,050	0	+ 100
Social Services	400	350	350	+ 50	+ 50
Other Services	2,000	1,950	1,900	+ 50	+ 100
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	12,400	14,400	11,000	-2,000	+1,400
Federal Government	4,700	4,700	4,800	0	- 100
Total State & Local	7,700	9,700	6,200	-2,000	+1,500
State	4,400	5,000	3,100	- 600	+1,300
Local	3,300	4,700	3,100	-1,400	+ 200

1/ In accordance with the CES Manual, those published cells with less than 2,000 employment are rounded to fifty. Those published cells with more than 2,000 employment are rounded to hundreds.

2/ The employment for the Las Cruces MSA is rounded to fifty. Because employment in this industry is below 25, it appears as zero.

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS ESTIMATES

HOURS AND EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION,
CONSTRUCTION AND NONSUPERVISORY EMPLOYEES

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	JULY 1985	JUNE 1985	JULY 1984	JULY 1985	JUNE 1985	JULY 1984	JULY 1985	JUNE 1985	JULY 1984
NEW MEXICO									
MINING	\$475.45	\$469.50	\$468.59	41.2	41.1	40.5	\$11.54	\$11.91	\$11.57
CONSTRUCTION	384.78	369.94	391.93	36.3	35.3	38.2	10.60	10.48	10.26
MANUFACTURING	342.52	332.92	328.03	39.1	40.6	40.2	8.76	8.20	8.16
Durable Goods	356.71	348.09	338.62	38.9	41.0	40.7	9.17	8.49	8.32
Nondurable Gds	308.09	297.35	306.54	39.6	39.7	39.3	7.78	7.49	7.80
COMM and UTIL	428.22	472.81	435.54	40.9	43.1	42.0	10.47	10.97	10.37
TRADE*	267.18	275.91	265.30	36.4	36.4	35.9	7.34	7.58	7.39
BANKING	215.90	219.20	209.86	38.9	40.0	39.3	5.55	5.48	5.34
ALBUQUERQUE									
MANUFACTURING	\$303.00	\$347.17	\$313.63	37.5	40.7	39.7	\$ 8.08	\$ 8.53	\$ 7.90

* Excludes Eating and Drinking Places

Note: Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded. The average earnings are "gross" reflecting not only changes in basic hourly and incentive wage rates, but also such factors as premium pay for overtime and shift differentials. The work week information relates to the average hours for which pay was received, and is different from standard or scheduled hours due to absenteeism, labor turnover, part-time work, overtime work, etc.

AREA ECONOMIC ACTIVITY

ALBUQUERQUE AREA: Albuquerque's population has grown at a rate three times the national average for the last 20 years; and a Chase Econometric report predicts this growth rate will continue, making Albuquerque the sixth fastest growing metropolitan area in the nation through the year 1990. J.C. Penney Company will open its new regional catalog center in Rio Rancho in September. About 120 employees will be hired for the center. Groundbreaking was held in early August for a new \$40.5 million Radiation-Hardened Integrated Circuit Facility at Sandia National Laboratories. Construction of the new facility is expected to be completed by January 1987, and it should be in full operation by fall of 1988. Southern Plaza Partners broke ground in mid-July for a 90,000-square-foot shopping center in Rio Rancho. Phase I of the project is scheduled for completion in April 1986 at a cost of \$6 million. Larger tenants for the first phase are a 43,000-square-foot Safeway food store, a 14,000-square-foot Walgreens, and a 17,500-square-foot Sprouse Reitz store. Phase II completion is expected in the summer of 1987. A 120-bed nursing home center is nearing completion on Albuquerque's West Mesa. The \$1.7 million facility will be operated by Care More, Inc., headquartered in Cleveland, TN. The Amberly Hotel, located on Pan American Freeway NE, expects to open in November. The all suite hotel will employ about 100 people. The new Thrifty Drug Store at Louisiana and Montgomery Blvds., NE is scheduled to open in mid-September and employ about 50 workers. The Christorian Restaurant on Brentwood Lane NE plans to open in mid-September and will hire about 60 people. GTE Communications Systems in Albuquerque laid off 24 employees in late August, reducing the local GTE workforce to about 770. Garduno's of Mexico will open its third Albuquerque restaurant in late August at Montgomery and Moon NE. The \$2.8 million, 10,000-square-foot restaurant will employ about 140 people. Garduno's is also locating its corporate offices adjacent to the new restaurant. Monolithic Memories Inc. has

put the construction of its \$100 million, 150,000-square-foot computer chip plant on indefinite hold. The earliest construction could now start on the new west mesa plant is March 1986. The New Mexico National Bank laid off about 80 employees the last of August. The layoffs were the result of the consolidation of operations. The BDM Corporation of Albuquerque has received a \$53.5 million contract from the Air Force to test new weapons systems. Due to the new contract, BDM expects to hire an additional 100 workers by the end of this year. A new outpatient clinic and ancillary medical services facility is planned for Cuba. The \$1.7 million first phase will include a 17,500-square-foot building that will house the outpatient clinic and facilities to serve both the clinic and hospital. Construction is expected to start by the end of the year.

ALAMOGORDO/RUIDOSO AREA: The 1985 Supplemental Appropriations Bill recently passed by Congress includes the funds and authorization to transfer 1,667 acres of New Mexico State University-controlled land in the Fort Stanton area for use as the site for the long-awaited airport for Ruidoso. Construction costs for the new airport are estimated at \$20 million, and the facility is projected to be operational in three years. A Farmington-based company, Arco Materials, was awarded a \$7.4 million contract to build the Grindstone Canyon dam near Ruidoso. White Sands Missile Range awarded more than \$11.1 million in contracts to state businesses during the second calendar quarter of 1985. The largest contracts were to BDM Management Services Co. in Albuquerque for operation of the High Energy Laser Test Facility and Dynaspan Corp. in Alamogordo for facility operations for the Army Material Test and Evaluation Directorate. The First National Bank in Alamogordo has signed a \$2 million contract with Bank Builders Corp. to more than double their present facilities.

CARLSBAD/ARTESIA AREA: A \$1.2 million building permit was issued for construction of a new Wal-Mart Department Store on S. Canal St. in Carlsbad. The Wal-Mart facility should be open for business by February of next year. The Revco drug chain will locate an 8,500-square-foot store in the Blue Quail Shopping Center in Artesia.

CLOVIS/PORTALES AREA: Work is approximately 50 percent complete on the \$27 million Energy Fuels Development Corp. ethanol fuels plant in Portales. Construction on the facility began in February, and completion is expected by December. Currently, employment at the plant construction site is about 100; and, when complete, the ethanol plant will employ 40 permanent workers. Work is almost finished on Wal-Mart's 68,000-square-foot store in the North Plains Mall in Clovis. The new store should be open this fall with 100 workers.

ESPANOLA AREA: The U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) has accepted a steel foundation cattle guard developed by a local firm, Ojo Caliente Craftsman, Inc., as a new item to be offered to federal agencies throughout the country. The new metal-based guard weighs about 12,000 pounds less than the traditional concrete-based type. Ojo Caliente Craftsman plans to produce about 2,000 cattle guards per year. Company officials expect to hire about 50 new employees by November and have 100 to 150 new employees by next year. The Espanola Housing Authority has received final approval for \$600,000 in federal money to renovate the city's low income housing developments.

FARMINGTON AREA: Construction is scheduled for completion by October on the new San Juan County Juvenile Reintegration Center. Work began on the \$250,000, 12-bed facility in June; and, when completed, it will employ a staff of eight. Diamond D Construction of Kirtland, N.M. has won a contract worth about \$24,000 for the first phase of improvements on Riverside Park in Aztec. The project is scheduled for completion 30 days from the

date started. The Farmington Wal-Mart store officially opened in July. The 81,900-square-foot store employs about 100 people. The Navajo Tribe will receive \$20 million from the 1985 U.S. supplemental spending bill. The Navajo Irrigation Project and the Navajo Agricultural Products Industry in northwestern New Mexico will receive about \$16 million of the funds.

GALLUP/GRANTS AREA: A second Big Cheese Pizza restaurant opened in Gallup in July. The 4,000-square-foot restaurant, the largest in the company chain, will seat 130 people. The new restaurant will employ 20 to 25 people. A consultant for the Navajo Tribe has concluded that the Crownpoint area could support a small shopping center of about 37,000 square feet. Tribal officials said efforts are underway to secure funding of about \$2.6 million for the project. The Pittsburg & Midway Coal Mining Company is eliminating 15 to 17 company employee positions in Gallup. The reduction is a streamlining process undertaken by the company, resulting from its decision to close division offices in New Mexico, Kentucky, and Wyoming. The Navajo Tribal Council has directed its Budget and Finance Committee to secure funding of \$4.5 million to remodel a sawmill facility at Navajo, New Mexico. The opening of a 81,900-square-foot Wal-Mart store in Gallup has been moved back from next spring to late 1986. A company spokesman said the delay is the result of a longer than expected bidding process. The store, when opened, will employ about 125 workers. Santa Fe Coal's Lee Ranch Mine now employs about 150 people. The company expects to employ about 400 workers by 1989.

HOBBS/LOVINGTON AREA: Building permits in Hobbs continue to lag far behind 1984 totals. Permit values for the first seven months of 1985 were almost 40 percent lower than for the same period last year. Shaw Company, Inc. was awarded a \$433,400 contract to build a 7,200-square-foot addition to the maintenance building at New Mexico Junior College.

LAS CRUCES AREA: Foamex Products, a urethane foam manufacturing company, intends to locate a 90,000-square-foot plant in Santa Teresa, south of Las Cruces, which would employ approximately 50 workers. Foamex officials said construction could start on the new plant by the first of November. Foamex Products is affiliated with Firestone Rubber Company. Citizens Bank of Las Cruces will relocate its main facility from the Amador Hotel building to Loretto Center. Bank officials expect to be in the new \$2.5 million building by mid-1986. Las Cruces' new 80,000-square-foot Wal-Mart store on E. Lohman Ave. will be open by the end of August, according to a company spokesman. The new store will employ approximately 150 workers. Las Cruces also will have a new \$700,000 Pep Boys Auto Store by September. Space Communications Company has laid off 16 workers at the NASA Test Facility near Las Cruces. The chile and tomato harvests have started in southern New Mexico, and local canneries will be in full operation by the end of August.

LAS VEGAS AREA: A \$2.3 million Federal Aviation Administration improvement program has begun at the Las Vegas Municipal Airport.

LOS ALAMOS AREA: Bradley Construction Company of Albuquerque won a \$728,000 contract to design and install nine transportable buildings for Los Alamos National Laboratory's Health, Safety and Environment Division.

RATON AREA: Raton retail sales increased over 19 percent in 1984 and are up 39 percent in the first four months of 1985. The 80-bed Hacienda de Salud nursing home began operations in late July. The Public Service Company of New Mexico broke ground in late July on a new office and service building in Clayton. The new building will have about 8,900 square feet and cost \$1 million. Erie Scientific closed production operations in August. About 40 production machine operators, packers, and supervisors were idled by the closure.

SANTA FE AREA: The \$30 million Villa Linda Mall opened at the end of July with 56 stores. Anchor stores in the new mall include: Dillards, with about 250 employees; Mervyns, with about 200 employees; and Luby's Cafeterias, Inc., which hired about 100 workers.

SILVER CITY AREA: A major equipment breakdown occurred on August 13 at the Chino Mines Co. copper concentrator, which forced the layoff of approximately 430 of Chino's 940 workforce. Company officials expect the layoff to last about six weeks. The State Racing Commission toured possible sites of the proposed Silver Downs horse racing facility in early August. A feasibility study must be completed; and public hearings will have to be held before the commission will decide whether to grant racing days for the proposed race track, according to state officials. Employment at the race track and associated facilities could approach 400 during the peak racing season.

SOCORRO/T or C AREA: Ground breaking ceremonies were held in mid-July for the \$286,000 Tradewinds Motors dealership in T or C. The new facility should be completed by September.

TAOS/ANGEL FIRE AREA: The Plaza at Angel Fire, a \$23 million tourist and convention-oriented hotel, is scheduled to open in mid-October. Work has started on a new 32-unit, two-story motel in Eagle Nest. The \$500,000 motel is expected to open in late November.

U.S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX July 1985

CPI-U - 322.8
CPI-W - 319.1

(Base Year 1967 = 100)

CPI-U - All Urban Consumers
CPI-W - Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers

NEW MEXICO LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES 1/

PRELIMINARY JULY 1985

REVISED JUNE 1985

REVISED JULY 1984

	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate
STATEWIDE	646,384	585,270	61,114	9.5%	646,025	586,994	59,031	9.1%	632,423	586,355	46,068	7.3%
ALBUQUERQUE MSA 2/	244,789	227,043	17,746	7.2%	244,325	227,320	17,005	7.0%	235,919	221,508	14,411	6.1%
LAS CRUCES MSA 3/	42,180	37,568	4,612	10.9%	44,713	40,111	4,602	10.3%	39,860	36,429	3,431	8.6%
Catron	1,014	876	138	13.6%	1,009	864	145	14.4%	1,042	947	95	9.1%
Chaves	25,892	23,475	2,417	9.3%	25,670	23,595	2,075	8.1%	25,565	23,958	1,607	6.3%
Cibola	11,271	8,818	2,453	21.8%	11,315	8,979	2,336	20.6%	11,190	9,272	1,918	17.1%
Colfax	7,710	7,086	624	8.1%	7,583	6,949	634	8.4%	7,684	7,170	514	6.7%
Curry	15,858	14,625	1,233	7.8%	15,933	14,743	1,190	7.5%	15,956	14,894	1,062	6.7%
De Baca	1,033	957	76	7.4%	1,042	956	86	8.3%	1,054	1,000	54	5.1%
Eddy	23,334	20,687	2,647	11.3%	23,279	20,614	2,665	11.4%	23,399	21,396	2,003	8.6%
Grant	9,784	8,297	1,487	15.2%	10,026	8,618	1,408	14.0%	10,165	9,159	1,006	9.9%
Guadalupe	1,636	1,402	234	14.3%	1,613	1,386	227	14.1%	1,648	1,569	79	4.8%
Harding	681	643	38	5.6%	655	609	46	7.0%	638	612	26	4.1%
Hidalgo	2,655	2,390	265	10.0%	2,636	2,382	254	9.6%	2,528	2,411	117	4.6%
Lea	31,268	29,437	1,831	5.9%	31,426	29,533	1,893	6.0%	31,106	29,881	1,225	3.9%
Lincoln	9,528	9,011	517	5.4%	9,240	8,728	512	5.5%	9,372	9,075	297	3.2%
Los Alamos	12,078	11,830	248	2.1%	12,180	11,916	264	2.2%	11,918	11,724	194	1.6%
Luna	5,585	4,590	995	17.8%	5,544	4,585	959	17.3%	5,322	4,761	561	10.5%
McKinley	17,146	14,488	2,658	15.5%	17,203	14,874	2,329	13.5%	17,202	15,293	1,909	11.1%
Mora	1,251	856	395	31.6%	1,158	797	361	31.2%	1,131	852	279	24.7%
Otero	15,598	14,235	1,363	8.7%	15,611	14,226	1,385	8.9%	15,654	14,651	1,003	6.4%
Quay	5,479	4,948	531	9.7%	5,441	4,954	487	9.0%	5,486	5,094	392	7.1%
Rio Arriba	10,791	8,590	2,201	20.4%	10,559	8,341	2,218	21.0%	11,087	9,401	1,686	15.2%
Roosevelt	7,468	7,033	435	5.8%	7,505	7,096	409	5.4%	7,512	7,185	327	4.4%
Sandoval	14,563	12,846	1,717	11.8%	14,476	12,896	1,580	10.9%	14,314	13,304	1,010	7.1%
San Juan	3,304	31,901	5,403	14.5%	37,190	32,024	5,166	13.9%	37,549	33,195	4,354	11.6%
San Miguel	9,426	8,119	1,307	13.9%	8,854	7,551	1,303	14.7%	9,116	8,034	1,082	11.9%
Santa Fe	45,054	42,175	2,879	6.4%	44,349	41,556	2,793	6.3%	44,127	42,045	2,082	4.7%
Sierra	2,733	2,521	212	7.8%	2,745	2,541	204	7.4%	2,649	2,552	97	3.7%
Socorro	4,902	4,445	457	9.3%	4,809	4,408	401	8.3%	4,756	4,359	397	8.3%
Taos	11,541	9,463	2,078	18.0%	11,266	9,008	2,258	20.0%	10,981	9,316	1,665	15.2%
Torrance	2,699	2,329	370	13.7%	2,527	2,183	344	13.6%	2,396	2,222	174	7.3%
Union	2,741	2,545	196	7.2%	2,589	2,427	162	6.3%	2,646	2,529	117	4.4%
Valencia	11,392	10,041	1,351	11.9%	11,554	10,224	1,330	11.5%	11,451	10,557	894	7.8%

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